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**VALLEY INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIVE TEAM
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**INCIDENT: Officer Involved Shooting at 310 T St SE in
Auburn on 17 December 2020**

The Valley Independent Investigative team (VIIT) is serving as the independent investigative team for this incident. VIIT is a multi-agency team made up of investigators from seven south King County Police Departments (Auburn, Des Moines, Federal Way, Kent, Renton, Port of Seattle, and Tukwila). With Auburn PD as the involved agency, their staff have been excluded from this VIIT investigation.

VIIT Detectives have completed their investigation and are finalizing their report. Once finalized, Chief O'Neil and the appointed Community Representatives will receive a final briefing before the investigation is forwarded to the King County Prosecutors Office for review. We remain in contact with the Ellingson family, and the appointed Community Representatives.

Public notifications will be released weekly until the conclusion of the investigation. Media Inquiries regarding the Independent Investigation may be forwarded to Commander Todd Rossi of the Tukwila Police Department at (206) 391-8236.

As per Chapter 139-12 WAC, please note that information regarding any officer involved shooting cannot be released by an independent investigation team without first notifying the non-law enforcement community representative assigned to the investigation and the family liaison of the involved subject. VIIT will endeavor to incorporate questions received from the media into subsequent press releases.

{A list of the VIIT investigators and agencies for this incident is available upon request.}

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